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FROM

THE SECRETARY OF WAR,

TRANSMITTING

THE REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS.

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WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington, January 15, 1906.

SIR: Pursuant to the provisions of an act of Congress approved January 5, 1905, entitled "An act to incorporate the American National Red Cross," and providing that the report of its proceedings shall be duly received and audited by the War Department, I have the honor to transmit herewith copy of report of the proceedings of the American National Red Cross for the part of the year 1905 during which the corporation has been in existence, and to state that the receipts and expenditures as shown therein have been audited and found correct.

Very respectfully,

WM. H. TAFT, *Secretary of War.*

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THE AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS,
Washington, D. C., January 1, 1906.

SIR: In accordance with the act of Congress entitled "An act to incorporate the American National Red Cross," approved January 5, 1905, I have the honor to make the following report of the proceedings of the American National Red Cross for the part of the year 1905 during which the corporation has been in existence.

By virtue of the act above referred to the American National Red Cross was incorporated, succeeding to all the rights and property which had been hitherto held and to all the duties which had been hitherto performed by the American National Red Cross as a corporation duly incorporated by act of Congress, June 6, 1900, which act was repealed and the organization created thereby dissolved.

The President of the United States appointed William K. Van Reypen chairman of the central committee, and Francis B. Loomis, Charles Hallam Keep, George B. Davis, Louis A. Pradt, John C. Boyd, Mabel T. Boardman, Cleveland H. Dodge, Samuel Mather, H. Kirke Porter, John Sharp Williams, and Frederick H. Gillett members.

The first meeting of the board of incorporators was held in the diplomatic room of the Department of State on February 8, 1905, and the following-named officers of the corporation were elected: President of the board of incorporators, William H. Taft; treasurer, Charles Hallam Keep; counselor, Louis A. Pradt; secretary, Charles L. Magee. As members of the central committee, Redfield Proctor, William Alden Smith, Walter Wyman, James R. Garfield, Hilary A. Herbert, and George H. Shields.

The treasurer subsequently appointed as assistant treasurer Henry H. Flather, assistant cashier of the Riggs National Bank.

The central committee elected as an executive committee Francis B. Loomis, George B. Davis, Louis A. Pradt, John C. Boyd, Hilary A. Herbert, James R. Garfield, and Miss Mabel T. Boardman.

This committee immediately commenced the work of organizing State and Territorial branch societies, as directed by section 5 of the charter, and adopted regulations for their organization and government.

It was considered advisable to have all members of the corporation affiliated with the branch societies in the States where they reside, in order that they might have a local as well as a general interest in Red Cross work, and that State organizations could take immediate charge of any work in their States, under the authority of the central committee, which committee would take control in case the work assumed proportions beyond the resources of the State branch.

By personal request and correspondence the committee endeavored to obtain the names of representative men and women in the various States and Territories who would be interested in the work of organization, and, after obtaining them, addressed to them requests to act as organizers of branch societies. The committee has been gratified to note the general interest manifested in the work, although in some of the States a sufficient number of affirmative responses were not received to warrant the commencement of the organization. Requests to others have been sent and the committee is proceeding with its work with all possible expedition. It is earnestly desired that members of the board of incorporators from the States and Territories in which branch societies have not yet been organized will, as soon as practicable, send to the central committee the names and addresses of representative men and women in their States or Territories who they think would be interested in the organization of branch societies.

During the past year branch societies have been organized in the District of Columbia, the Philippine Islands, and the following-named States: California, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Vermont, and Wyoming.

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The data contained in the following table was obtained from reports recently received from the various State branches, and shows approximately the present membership of the American National Red Cross:

Location of branch.	Life members.	Annual members.	Total membership.	Doctors enrolled.	Nurses enrolled.
California	10	120	130	.....	.....
Connecticut	47	279	326	1	.....
Delaware	.....	130	130	.....	.....
District of Columbia	59	306	365	1	18
Georgia	1	100	101	.....	.....
Illinois	16	136	152	.....	.....
Indiana	2	77	79	.....	.....
Maine	1	100	101	.....	.....
Maryland	8	193	201	.....	.....
Massachusetts	13	317	330	.....	.....
Michigan	3	100	103	.....	.....
New York	159	508	667	.....	11
Ohio	24	230	254	.....	.....
Philippine Islands	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rhode Island	86	92	178	28	21
South Carolina	.....	170	170	.....	.....
Vermont	.....	50	50	.....	.....
Wyoming	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	429	2,908	3,337	30	50

NOTE.—No reports of membership have been received from the Philippine or Wyoming branch societies.

A roster of the officers of the various branch societies follows:

California (*San Francisco*).—President, Judge W. W. Morrow; vice-president, Mrs. John F. Merrill; treasurer, Hon. Horace Davis; secretary (recording), Mrs. Thurlow McMullin; secretary (corresponding), Mrs. John Bakewell; chairman of executive committee, Mrs. W. S. Harrington.

Connecticut (*New Haven*).—President, Hon. W. W. Farnam; vice-presidents, Mrs. Frank W. Cheney, Hon. Charles F. Brooker, Hon. F. B. Brandegee, Miss Annie B. Jennings, Hon. Edwin Milner, Hon. H. H. Bridgman, Mr. Charles E. Jackson, Hon. Francis T. Maxwell; treasurer, Mr. Thomas Hooker; secretary, Mrs. Sara T. Kinney; chairman of executive committee, Hon. Henry Roberts.

Delaware (*Wilmington*).—President, Gen. Charles Bird, U. S. Army; vice-presidents, Rev. Leighton Coleman, Dr. James A. Draper, Hon. Charles A. Whiley, Hon. Henry M. Ridgeley, Hon. Ebe W. Tunnell; treasurer, Mr. Henry M. Canby; secretary, Miss Emily P. Bissell; chairman of executive committee, Samuel Bancroft, jr.

District of Columbia (*Washington*).—President, John B. Henderson, jr.; vice-president, Mr. Blair Lee; treasurer, Mr. Thomas R. Jones; secretary, Mr. Gist Blair; chairman of executive committee, John B. Henderson, jr.

Georgia (*Savannah*).—President, Mrs. W. W. Gordon; vice-president, Mrs. T. M. Cunningham; treasurer, Mrs. John M. Bryan; secretary, Miss Anne Vane Jones.

Illinois (*Chicago*).—President, Governor Charles S. Deneen; vice presidents, Archbishop James Edward Quigley, Judge Lambert Tree, Robert T. Lincoln, Rev. Dr. Frank W. Gunsaulus, Judge T. Otis Humphrey, President Edmund J. James, Dr. E. G. Hirsch; treasurer, Orson Smith; secretary, Honoré Palmer; chairman of executive committee, Dr. L. L. McArthur.

Indiana (*Indianapolis*).—President, Hon. Noble C. Butler; vice-president, W. L. Bryan; treasurer, George T. Porter; secretary, Mrs W. A. Woods; chairman of executive committee, Governor J. Frank Hanly

Maine (*address of secretary, Auburn*).—President, Mrs. Eugene Hale; vice-president, Mrs. Frederic E. Boothby; treasurer, Mr. Frederic E. Boothby; secretary, Mrs. Frank H. Briggs; chairman of executive committee, Gen. Joshua L. Chamberlain; chairman of emergency committee, Governor William T. Cobb.

Maryland (*Baltimore*).—President, Governor Edwin Warfield; vice-presidents, His Eminence Cardinal Gibbons, Hon. Thomas J. Morris, Judge Henry Stockbridge, Daniel C. Gilman, LL. D.; treasurer, Eugene Levering; secretary, George Norbury Mackenzie; chairman of executive committee, Bernard N. Baker.

Massachusetts (*address of secretary, Prides Crossing*).—President, Dr. E. H. Bradford; vice-presidents, Dr. Herbert L. Burrell, Dr. Arthur T. Cabot, Mr. Richard H. Dana, Mr. Henry Parkman; treasurer, Mr. Gardiner M. Lane; secretary, Miss Katherine P. Loring; chairman of executive committee, Dr. H. P. Walcott.

Michigan (*Detroit*).—President, Hugh McMillan; vice-president, Truman H. Newberry; treasurer, Emory W. Clark; secretary, Charles Moore; chairman of executive committee, Dr. C. G. Jennings.

New York (*New York City*).—President, Col. William Cary Sanger; vice-president, Hon. Elihu Root; treasurer, Jacob H. Schiff; secretary, Mrs. Wm. K. Draper; chairman of executive committee, Cleveland H. Dodge.

Ohio (*Columbus*).—President, Governor M. T. Herrick; vice-president, Judge C. O. Hunter; treasurer, Edwin R. Sharp; secretary, Rev. Dr. John Hewitt; chairman of executive committee, Governor Herrick.

Philippines (*Manila*).—President, Governor-General Wright; vice-president, Chief Justice Arellano; treasurer, Captain Palmer; secretary, Mrs. George A. Main; chairman of executive committee, Dr. R. P. Strong.

Rhode Island (*Providence*).—President, John C. Pegram; vice-president, Rt. Rev. W. N. McVickar, D. D.; treasurer, Edward Aborn Greene; secretary, Prof. George Grafton Wilson; chairman of executive committee, John M. Peters, M. D.

South Carolina (*Charleston*).—President, Hon. A. C. Kaufman; vice-president, Rev. Robert P. Pell, Litt. D.; treasurer, John Kuker; secretary, George Hoyt Smith; chairman of executive committee, Hon. George Lamb Buist.

Vermont (*address of secretary, St. Albans*).—President, Henry D. Holton, M. D.; vice-president, Urban A. Woodbury; treasurer, Clayton L. Alexander; secretary, Charles S. Forbes; chairman of executive committee, Franklin S. Billings.

Wyoming (*address of secretary, Cheyenne*).—President, Mrs. B. B. Brooks; vice-president, Mrs. B. F. Perkins; treasurer, Dr. Amos W. Barber; secretary, Miss Winifred W. Woods.

The present corporation received from the old corporation, which ceased to exist by virtue of the act approved January 5, 1905, a quantity of miscellaneous literature and incomplete records which have been of very little value; also a few articles of furniture. The treasurer received the sum of $291.89 and a notice of indebtedness of $1,250, contracted to pay a claim of Francis Atwater for printing and postage for the old corporation. This indebtedness has since been paid from the proceeds of the sale of lots 14, 15, 16, and 17, block 25, Kalorama Heights. These lots were the property of the American National Red Cross, and were sold on January 11, 1904, by the then president of the American National Red Cross, to Cogan Bros. & Forschner for the sum of $16,500. Monthly payments of the purchase money were to be made according to the quantity of stone removed from the property, with a minimum monthly payment of $200. Five thousand and seventy-five dollars had been paid before transfer to the present corporation. Four thousand three hundred and twelve dollars has since been paid, leaving a balance due of $7,113.

The trusteeship of the property that was formerly held by Charles A. Baker and S. W. Briggs has been transferred and is now held by Charles Hallam Keep and James C. McReynolds.

The corporation has now no outstanding debts, but a suit has been brought against it by Hugh Ross in the superior court of Santa Barbara, Cal., for the sum of $990 for alleged services rendered and material supplied the old corporation at Manila in 1900. The suit is being defended by the counselor of the corporation.

A tender of service was made to the Surgeon-General of the Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service during the late epidemic of yellow fever in Louisiana, and the committee was informed that the work was well in hand and there was no immediate necessity for additional aid, but if at any time assistance was needed the committee would be notified. The work was so effectually done by the Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service that aid from the Red Cross was never required.

In response to a request for aid from the Philippine branch of the

Red Cross for the sufferers from a typhoon, a contribution of $500 was made by cable transfer from the emergency fund of the corporation.

All money received from life-membership dues is deposited to the credit of the endowment fund, the interest alone of which can be used, if necessary, in emergency work. All of the officers of the corporation, except the secretary and assistant treasurer, render gratuitous service. The secretary receives $100 a month and the assistant treasurer $250 a year. The office rent is $20 a month. These, with the necessary outlay for stationery, printing, and postage, comprise the whole of the current expenses of the corporation.

At the first annual meeting of the corporation, held at Washington, December 5, 1905, the following officers were elected:

President, Hon. William H. Taft.
Treasurer, Hon. Charles Hallam Keep.
Counselor, Hon. James C. McReynolds.
Secretary, Charles L. Magee.

The following-named persons were appointed or elected members of the central committee:

Appointed by the President of the United States.—William K. Van Reypen, Surgeon-General U. S. Navy, retired, chairman. To represent the Departments: Hon. Robert Bacon, First Assistant Secretary of State; Hon. Charles Hallam Keep, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury; Brig. Gen. Robert M. O'Reilly, Surgeon-General U. S. Army; Hon. James C. McReynolds, Assistant Attorney-General; Medical Director John C. Boyd, U. S. Navy.

Elected by the board of incorporators.—Judge W. W. Morrow, Samuel Mather, Miss Mabel T. Boardman, Hon. James R. Garfield, James Tanner, Surgeon-General Walter Wyman, U. S. Public Health and Marine Hospital Service.

Elected by the delegates from State branches.—Hon. A. C. Kaufman, Charles G. Washburn, John C. Pegram, Gen. Charles Bird, U. S. Army; Col. William Cary Sanger, Judge Lambert Tree.

At this meeting the following members of the board of incorporators and delegates from branch societies were present:

Incorporators.—Miss Mabel T. Boardman, John C. Boyd, Noble C. Butler, George B. Davis, John W. Foster, James R. Garfield, George Gray, Frederick H. Gillett, Hilary A. Herbert, A. C. Kaufman, Charles Hallam Keep, Mrs. John A. Logan, Samuel Mather, W. W. Morrow, J. Wilkes O'Neill, Louis A. Pradt, Redfield Proctor, William H. Taft, A. W. Terrell, Lambert Tree, William K. Van Reypen, Thomas F. Walsh, William T. Wardwell, John M. Wilson.

Delegates from branch societies.—George Peabody Wetmore and John C. Pegram, of Rhode Island; William Cary Sanger and Howard Townsend, of New York; Judge and Mrs. W. W. Morrow, of California; John B. Henderson, jr., and Gist Blair, of the District of Columbia; Miss Katherine P. Loring and Miss Louisa P. Loring, of Massachusetts; Mrs. Eugene Hale and Charles E. Littlefield, of Maine; William W. Farnam and Robert T. Huntington, jr., of Connecticut; Henry Stockbridge and George Norbury Mackenzie, of Maryland; Charles Bird and Miss Emily P. Bissell, of Delaware; A. C. Kaufman, of South Carolina; Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Newberry, of Michigan; Samuel Mather and J. G. Schmidlapp, of Ohio; Lambert Tree, of Illinois; Mrs. W. W. Gordon and Mrs. Samuel Spencer, of Georgia; Noble C. Butler, of Indiana.

The central committee elected as an executive committee the following: Hon. Robert Bacon; Brig. Gen. Robert M. O'Reilly, Surgeon-General, U. S. Army; Medical Director John C. Boyd, U. S. Navy; Hon. James C. McReynolds, James Tanner, Hon. James R. Garfield, Miss Mabel T. Boardman.

The board of consultation consists of Brig. Gen. Robert M. O'Reilly, Surgeon-General, U. S. Army; Surgeon-General Presley M. Rixey, U. S. Navy; Surgeon-General Walter Wyman, U. S. Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.